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Henry Demarest Lloyd. 1847–1903. A Biography. By CARO LLOYD. With an Introduction by Charles Edward Russell. (New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. 1912. Two volumes. Pp. xviii, 308; ix, 390.)

Of the biography which is one of the most important sources of history the United States as yet has very little. In England this kind of biography is abundant and of immense importance. Every statesman and almost every man who has had any prominent part in politics, in science, in literature or in journalism becomes the subject of a biography within a few years after his death; and in the story of his life, and the letters and papers included by his biographer, the historian finds the best records of much of the political, economic and social history of the day. A biography of this character and usefulness to the historian of the United States during the era when Big Business was coming into existence and into control, and one moreover which is worthy to rank with the standard English biographies, is Miss Caro Lloyd's life of Henry Demarest Lloyd. It is too soon as yet to estimate Lloyd's part in the awakening of the public conscience to the evils of the individualistic system under which the United States reached its great material development of the nineteenth century. It is therefore of special importance to have a true picture of the man as reflected in his private letters as well as in his published writings. It is of great value to the future historian to be able to ascertain how men regarded the trusts when they first came into existence, and what forces were at work to arouse sympathy for the workers who were put into a new and highly disadvantageous position by the concentration of capital, and to awaken the first consciousness of the class problems which Americans used to imagine could never arise in the new world. Miss Lloyd has done her work as biographer with care and skill, and with the sympathy without which no good biography can be written. In an appendix she gives a fairly exhaustive list of all her brother's writings, books, pamphlets, magazine and newspaper articles, whether signed or anonymous, and also of addresses made by him, making a complete record of the contribution made by Henry Demarest Lloyd to American social and economic history.

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